



# DISTRICT FACTSHEET

## SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE



Picture: Susatanable Didcot Plant Swap

### OPPORTUNITIES IN SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE

Fostering a localised district 'sub-'network for greater collaboration

Increased collaboration between local town councils to maximise resources available to support local groups

Potential for greater engagement with schools and young people

Increased collaboration on environmental intersection with social justice issues eg. fuel poverty, community cohesion, mental health and social isolation.

## WHO IS COMMUNITY ACTION GROUPS OXFORDSHIRE?

CAG Oxfordshire is a network of more than 100 community action groups working across Oxfordshire to make it a safer, fairer, greener, more sustainable place to live, work and visit. We support our members to set up and run activities that take action on issues impacting the environment, our communities, and our everyday lives. The CAG network delivers a number of projects and initiatives



## AREAS OF IMPACT

- Tree Planting and Mapping
- Biodiversity and Rewilding
- Liveable Streets and Active Travel
- Material Waste Reduction
- Food Sustainability and the Local Food Economy
- Tackling Food Waste and Food Insecurity
- Sustainable Energy
- Community-Centered Housing and Spaces



## SUPPORT CAG OFFERS

- 1:1 Member Support
- Training and Workshops
- Insurance Advice and Grants
- Special Project Grants
- Peer to Peer Support and Collaboration
- Network and Partnership Development
- Newsletters and Marketing Support

# OUR YEAR AT A GLANCE



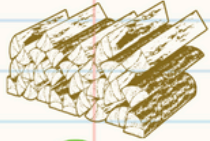
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Volunteering hours were recorded, more than double those for 22-23 demonstrating the continued dedication of network volunteers to contribute their time and energy to community action within Oxfordshire.

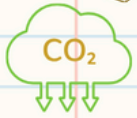


Events and activities were held across the county, reaching over 120,000 participants

These activities resulted in...



1,654 TONNES  
of non-food waste being diverted



1,695 TONNES  
of carbon dioxide emissions prevented

£5,938,350

The total financial output, including the value of volunteer time, grants and income from across the network

8,847



678 TONNES

of food diverted from waste and redistributed, cooked, eaten or processed



1,194

Bikes were repaired by groups such as Cyclox, Broken Spoke, and Rose Hill & Iffley Low Carbon saving £396,408



*This data was collected from 65 groups in our network of 111 groups from April 2023 to March 2024*

## CURRENT SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE CAG MEMBERS:

There are 19 active CAG members based in South Oxfordshire, representing approximately 14% of the whole network:

### 21st Century Thame

Established in 2003, the group was motivated by a passion to ensure that Thame prospered as a social, cultural and economic centre.

Activity example: For Great Big Green Week 2023, 21st Century Thame raised awareness of hedgehog care in South Oxfordshire

### Cholsey Environment Champions

This group aims to raise awareness of climate change; encourage and enable residents to make a positive difference to our environment; and to increase sustainability through community action and community-led projects.

### Chalgrove Wildlife and Conservation Group

to plant more trees and flowers, making Chalgrove a prettier place to live, and to protect our flora and fauna.

### Chiltern Hills Community Energy

CHCE was established by Henley Town Council's Climate Emergency 2030 Working Group as part of its initiatives to address the Council's declaration of a climate emergency.

### Didcot Allotment Society

Our aim is to encourage Didcot residents to use the allotments and discover the many benefits that come with the ownership of your own piece of land to dig in and grow your own!

### Eco Soco

Stories, initiatives & events in Sonning Common to reduce waste & our carbon impact:

## CURRENT SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE CAG MEMBERS (CONTINUED)

### Great Milton Freecycle Live

This group hosts freecycle events three times a year.

### Greening Chinnor

a community led, volunteer run organisation dedicated to improving the environment and sustainability of the Parish of Chinnor.

### Hagbourne and Upton Group for Sustainability (HUGS)

A community group promoting household level and village sustainability projects, supporting nature's recovery and campaigning for a greener future.

### Haseley Earthshot Action Group

Aims to help the Parish of Great Haseley, and surrounding villages, address the Climate & Biodiversity Emergencies through supporting individual and community initiatives

### Mill Lane Driftway Community Garden

This group was formed by a number of local residents who shared a desire to convert land into a garden area for the benefit of all Chinnor residents.

### Sandford Talking Shop

This community volunteer group is based at Sandford-on-Thames' Village Hall. They run a cafe, convenience shop & community activities.

### South Stoke Wildlife and Conservation

Aims to help improve the natural environment around South Stoke for the benefit of all.

### Sustainable Didcot

A community action group for Didcot residents with a shared interest in the environment, living sustainably and raising awareness of climate change.

### Sustainable Wallingford

A community group of people working to build a greener future for Wallingford. They organise events and projects on issues including waste, transport, food, energy, biodiversity and social justice.

### Sustainable Wheatley

This group of local residents shares a passion for environmental issues and making the community a more sustainable place to live in.

### Thame Green Living

Adopted unanimously by Thame Town Council in July 2020, the Green Living Plan is a ten-year plan for a cleaner, greener Thame.

### Wild About Wallingford

Recently formed by former groups Wallingford Wildlife Group and Friends of Wallingford and Cholsey Green Spaces coming together.

### Watlington Climate Action Group

Founded in 2019, the group aims to help Watlington address the Climate Emergency, through community initiatives and supporting individual actions.

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